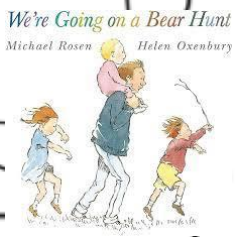
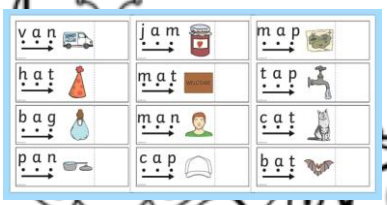


Reception Class
Newsletter
17th October 2025



Literacy

What a week! We have been so busy exploring the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. There have been so many hands-on experiences. See what we got up to in **Learning Fun**!
We shared lots of ideas and chose our favourite vocabulary for our sentences, writing tricky words, ***is*** and ***the*** and listening carefully to the sounds needed in our chosen words.
At the end of the week we celebrated our learning. We watched the author, Michael Rosen, retell the story with sound effects! The children loved this and joined in brilliantly. We scrimbled to the story! This is where the children are armed with a fat crayon and a long piece of paper on the floor. As the story is told we make marks to represent various things that are happening.
Long grass – swishy swashy – straight lines from top to bottom
River – splash splosh – wavy lines from left to right
Mud – squelch squerch – circles
Forest – stumble trip – line dot, line dot
Snowstorm – hoooo woooo – swirl
Cave – tip toe – zig zag



Phonics

This week we have revisited all the sounds we've learnt so far.
We showed off our recall of these and had a go at reading some cvc words.
Everyone did brilliantly.
The children have been completing phonics activities – reading words and matching them to pictures, being detectives and looking for tricky words in books, sorting magnetic letters into the same sounds.
Sounds and tricky word cards will be coming home next week.

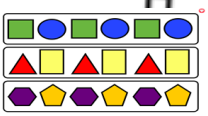
Learning fun

On Monday we pretended to be wading through a river and explored the language of being wet! The children loved using their new words and soaked, drenched and waterlogged socks, before wringing them out and hanging them up to dry on the washing line in the Reception garden.
On Tuesday we went on a very muddy walk. The children found a muddy swamp and had so much fun jumping in and out. What a mucky bunch!
On Thursday we thought about how the family were feeling going through the cave sharing lots of vocabulary – scared, frightened, terrified, panicky, worried, tearful, nervous. The children made a cave den in the outside area and pretended to be scared showing super facial expressions – showing great understanding of another emotion.
A wonderful week of adventures!



Maths

This week we have been looking at patterns. We noticed that our classroom is full of things that are patterned from stripy cushions to spotty cups and checked dresses! We made some simple repeating patterns with things we found in the classroom and outside – leaf, conker, leaf, conker,/ plate, cup, plate, cup. We also made physical patterns clap, stamp, clap stamp and got our friends to join in telling us what comes next.



Next Week

- Finding out about Autumn – going on an Autumn walk, arts and crafts – **bring in Autumn finds!**
- Reading *We're Going on a Leaf Hunt and The Leaf Thief*
- Maths we will counting objects, subitising, making groups of the same amount
- Phonics – we will continue recapping all the letter sounds we have learnt so far and using them to read and write words.
- Phone call meetings – Wednesday 22nd October – please see email for time

School closes for half term – Thursday 23rd October 3:20pm

Please bring book packs into school everyday.

Many thanks for your support

